

August 21, 2014

The State Board of Education/State Board for Vocational Education held a work session on Thursday, August 21, 2014 in the Cabinet Room of the Townsend Building, Dover, Delaware.

Present were: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Gregory B. Coverdale, Jr.; G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt and Donna R. Johnson, who serves as the State Board's Executive Director.

Also in attendance were Catherine Hickey, Deputy Attorney General; Michael Watson, Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Sarah Celestin, Dale Matusevich, Barbara Mazza, Terry Richard, Michele Rush, Linda Smith, Maria Mendoza Bustamante and Kim Siegel from the Lt. Governor's Office.

The work session began at 9:40 a.m.

Update on Special Education Federal Review and Initiatives Underway within the Department of Education

The Board received an update on the state special education determination and the revised accountability framework from the Office of Special Education Programs. Staff from the Exceptional Children Resources work group provided the results of the compliance matrix with the Department's performance and score. It was noted that the results are based on NAEP scores which is given to a sampling of Delaware students and has different accommodations from the state assessment.

The Department's multi-tiered system of monitoring for schools and districts has four tiers for the intervention that is needed. Tier I meets requirements, Tier II needs assistance, Tier III needs intervention and Tier IV needs significant intervention. The Board received an update on professional development, IEP development, secondary transition services and supports for English language Learners. The Board was briefed on Senate Bill 229 which calls for the development of a portfolio assessment, the IEP Task Force and the Statewide Services for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Deaf-Blind Task Force and the Autism Task Force.

The work session concluded at 11:42 a.m.

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All Guests Please Print Name and Organization/Association
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